

HOUSE BILL 542
By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-4-203 and Section 67-6-103, relative to the distribution of certain funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-4-203(c), is amended by designating the current language as subdivision "(1)" and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subdivision "(2)":

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law to the contrary, a "premiere tourist resort city", defined as each municipality located entirely in any county having within its borders both a national forest and a controlled river featuring a whitewater rafting area and Olympic whitewater course with Class 3, 4 and 5 rapids, shall be considered a city with a population of ten thousand nine hundred forty-five (10,945) for purposes of distribution of funds under this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-103(a)(3)(B), is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

(vi) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law to the contrary, each municipality, located entirely in any county having within its borders both a national forest and a controlled river featuring a whitewater rafting area and Olympic whitewater course with Class 3, 4 and 5 rapids, is defined as a "premiere type tourist resort" for purposes of this chapter. As an alternative to and in lieu of the allocation prescribed in subdivision (a)(3)(A), each such municipality may elect to receive an amount equal to the amount distributed pursuant to subdivision (a)(3)(B)(i).

(vii) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law to the contrary, the county seat of any county, located adjacent to a county described in subdivision (a)(3)(B)(vi), is defined as a "premiere type tourist resort" for purposes of this chapter, if the county seat is located within twenty (20) miles of the whitewater rafting area and Olympic whitewater course and if the main Tennessee roadway, accessing the rafting area and whitewater course, passes through the boundaries of the county seat. As an alternative to and in lieu of the allocation prescribed in subdivision (a)(3)(A), the county seat may elect to receive an amount equal to the amount distributed pursuant to subdivision (a)(3)(B)(i).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.